

## Committee Meetings

### MAJOR WEAPONS SYSTEM ACQUISITION REFORM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Held a hearing on reform of major weapons system acquisition and related legislative proposals. Testimony was heard from the following former officials of the Department of Defense: David Berteau, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Production and Logistics; Rudy deLeon, Deputy Secretary; and David S.C. Chu; Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness, and Director, Program Analysis and Evaluation; and Paul Francis, Director, Acquisitions and Sourcing Management, GAO.

### SPACE SYSTEM ACQUISITIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Strategic Force held a hearing on space system acquisitions and the industrial base. Testimony was heard from Joshua T. Hartman, Director, Space and Intelligence Capabilities Office, Senior Advisor to the Under Secretary for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Department of Defense; Cristina T. Chaplain, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, GAO; and a public witness.

### WORKPLACE HEALTH/SAFETY VIOLATION ENFORCEMENT

*Committee on Education and Labor:* Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing on Improving OSHA's Enhanced Enforcement Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Labor: Jordan Barab, Acting Assistant Secretary, Occupational Safety and Health Administration; and Elliot Lewis, Assistant Inspector General, Audits; and public witnesses.

### FEDERAL SWINE FLU RESPONSE

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "Swine Flu Outbreak and the U.S. Federal Response." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: RADM Anne Schuchat, M.D., Interim Deputy Director, Science and Public Health Program, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Joshua M. Sharfstein, M.D., Acting Commissioner, FDA; and RADM W. Craig Vanderwagen, M.D., USN, Assistant Secretary, Preparedness and Response.

### COMBATING MARITIME PIRACY

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight held a hearing on International Efforts to Combat Maritime Piracy. Testimony was heard from Stephen D. Mull, Senior Advisor to the Under Sec-

retary, Political Affairs, Department of State; and RADM William D. Baumgartner, USCG, Judge Advocate General and Chief Counsel, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security.

### BRIEFING—COMBATING VIOLENCE -U.S.-MEXICO BORDER REGION

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Border, Maritime, and Global Counterterrorism. Members received a briefing to provide an update on the Department of Homeland Security's efforts to combat violence in the U.S.-Mexico border region. They were briefed by Alan Bersin, Assistant Secretary, International Affairs and Special Representative for Border Affairs, Department of Homeland Security.

### BRIEFING—INTEROPERABLE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Emergency Communications, Preparedness and Response. Members received a briefing on the Department of Homeland Security's progress on the issue of interoperable emergency communications. They were briefed by the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Chris Essid, Director; and Taylor Heard, Deputy Director, both with Emergency Communications.

### PATENT REFORM ACT OF 2009

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Hearing on H.R. 1260, Patent Reform Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### SCIENCE'S REGULATORY REFORM ROLE

*Committee on Science and Technology:* Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight held a hearing on the Role of Science in the Regulatory Reform. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Rural Development, Entrepreneurship and Trade approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 1803, Veterans Business Center Act of 2009; H.R. 1807, Educating Entrepreneurs through Today's Technology Act; H.R. 1834, Native American Business Development Enhancement Act of 2009; H.R. 1838, To amend the Small Business Act to modify certain provisions relating to women's business centers; H.R. 1839, To amend the Small Business Act to improve SCORE, and for other purposes; H.R. 1842, Expanding Entrepreneurship Act of 2009; and H.R. 1845, Small Business Development Centers Modernization Act of 2009.